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Alliance of Women Coaches Hosts 45th NCAA Women Coaches Academy

June 21, 2018 - The Alliance of Women Coaches hosted the 45th class of the NCAA Women Coaches Academy (WCA) from June 14-17 at the Hilton Denver Inverness in Englewood, Colorado. Forty-nine female coaches of all experience levels and sports from NCAA Division I, II and III gathered for four days of non-sport-specific educational training. Core to its mission of providing a diverse and inclusive climate, for the first-time, the Academy included a deaf-coach, Meghan Maiwald, assistant women's soccer coach at Gallaudet University.



"The NCAA Women Coaches Academy provided another phenomenal experience for these forty-nine coaches," said Alliance Executive Director Megan Kahn. "We continue to receive feedback that these four days are life-changing, on both personal and professional levels as these women navigate their career paths. We are appreciative of the NCAA's partnership in offering this much needed program to keep and advance women in the game."

The coaches participated in full group and small breakout sessions on leadership, diversity, mindfulness, legal protections, communication, career advancement, Title IX and history of women in sport, and work-life balance to name a few.

"The NCAA/Alliance of Women Coaches Academy Class 45 was another outstanding group of coaches who joined together for a transformative professional development experience in Denver last week, said the NCAA's Director of Inclusion, Amy Wilson. "The Alliance provided an excellent slate of presenters on pertinent and significant subjects, proving again that it is dedicated to supporting women's persistence and empowering their success in the coaching profession."

Ithaca College Head Women's Rowing Coach, Becky Robinson, and Bridgewater College Assistant to the Director of Riding, Kamerra Brown Allen, were selected as the Judy Sweet Award winners for Class #45. This award, named after Alliance of Women Coaches co-founder Judy Sweet, recognizes two members at each Academy whose spirit and dedication to their own and to others' personal and professional success has made an impact on their peers. The honor is granted via nomination by fellow classmates.

NCAA Women Coaches Academy Class #45

Sofie Aagaard, Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, Head Coach, Golf
Xeni Barakos-Yoder, East Stroudsburg University, Head Coach, Lacrosse
Allyson Baribault, SUNY Oneonta, Head Coach, Lacrosse
Jill Batcheller, Bryant University, Head Coach, Lacrosse
Lyndsey Beville, Saint Leo University, Head Coach, Golf
Anastasia Bitis, CUNY York College, Head Coach, Basketball

Wendy Bordeaux, Dartmouth College, Head Coach, Rowing
Kamera Brown Allen, Bridgewater College, Assistant to the Director, Equestrian
Allison Carter, Bucknell University, Assistant Coach, Rowing
Tarah Christenson, Nazareth College, Head Coach, Field Hockey
Caitlin Connolly, Lasell College, Head Coach, Field Hockey
Angela Dendas-Pleasant, Lewis & Clark College, Head Coach, Strength & Conditioning
Devin Dougherty, University of San Francisco, Assistant Coach, Golf
Brittney Emmons, Southeast Missouri State University, Head Coach, Gymnastics
Meghan French, Pomona-Pitzer Colleges, Associate Head Coach, Swimming & Diving
Mia Fruge, Smith College, Head Coach, Volleyball
Alicia Galindo, Cal Poly Pomona, Assistant Coach, Soccer
Emily Garner, Trinity College, Head Coach, Basketball
Michelle Goodwin, University of Tulsa, Assistant Coach, Rowing
Brittany Harris, Oregon State University, Graduate Assistant Coach, Gymnastics
Jordan Hill, Emory University, Assistant Coach, Track & Field
Brianna Holder, Pepperdine University, Assistant Coach, Strength & Conditioning
Taylor Hollander, Sacramento State University, Assistant Coach, Tennis
Katie Kollar, SUNY Cobleskill, Head Coach, Basketball
Morgan Korinek, Kenyon College, Assistant Coach, Basketball
Kelly Lawrence, Syracuse University, Assistant Coach, Soccer
Jennifer Llewellyn, Lindenwood University, Head Coach, Gymnastics
Julie Lundquist, University of St. Thomas, Assistant Coach, Soccer
Meghan Maiwald, Gallaudet University, Assistant Coach, Soccer
Leah McDermott, Lebanon Valley College, Head Coach, Soccer
Megan Mitchell, University of Central Florida, Assistant Coach, Rowing
Jamie Montgomery, University of Richmond, Head Coach, Field Hockey
Alison Muenz-Winkler, Saint Louis University, Associate Coach, Sports Performance
Madeline Norton, College of the Holy Cross, Assistant Coach, Ice Hockey
Samantha Oyola, CUNY York College, Head Coach, Swimming
Megan Patrick, Loyola University Maryland, Head Coach, Rowing
Katie Rees, Adelphi University, Head Coach, Cross Country, Track & Field
Trish Riddell, Florida Southern College, Head Coach, Tennis
Cassandra Ringer, Illinois State University, Graduate Assistant Coach, Gymnastics
Becky Robinson, Ithaca College, Head Coach, Rowing
April Sanchez, Idaho State University, Assistant Coach, Volleyball
Carla Schubiger, Oregon State University, Volunteer Assistant Coach, Triathlon
Kathryn Schumann, Utica College, Assistant Coach, Cross Country, Track & Field
Betsy Sedlak, University of Portland, Assistant Coach, Volleyball
Sabrina Smith, Husson University, Head Coach, Field Hockey
Grace Sokolow, Austin College, Assistant Coach, Soccer
Andi Tostanoski, Hawaii Pacific University, Graduate Assistant Coach, Soccer
Alexa Tovella, University of Wisconsin Platteville, Assistant Coach, Basketball
Noel Wees, Colby College, Assistant Coach, Softball

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